

including a computer, said message from a user of the ordering system to a recipient of the flowers; and wherein:

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cont the step of linking includes linking the signals representing the packing list with signals representing the message; and

the step of printing includes printing the message, along with the packing list and a shipping label, at the printing device at the distribution center; and

the step of shipping is carried out by shipping the message, along with the product, from the distribution center.

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12. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of printing is carried out with the printing device being a fax machine; and further including the step of connecting the fax machine to a communications system for receiving of the signals representing the packing list and for receiving the shipping information signals.

13. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the step of connecting includes connecting an open end network gateway to a remote fax server and connecting the remote fax server to the fax machine.

14. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the step of connecting includes connecting a remote fax server with a fax modem in a local calling area of the distribution center and connecting the fax modem to the fax machine.

15. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 3, further including the steps of:  
associating an order code with said order;  
obtaining shipping status information from the shipping apparatus; and

associating the order code with the shipping status information at a machine-readable site having a network gateway address in facilitating access by an ordering system, including a computer, to determine the shipping status associated with the order.

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16. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of shipping includes shipping the product in packaging displaying a network gateway address to facilitate an electronic communication from an ordering system, including a computer, to the order center apparatus.

17. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 3, further including the steps of: connecting an ordering system, including a computer, to a network gateway; and connecting the network gateway to the order center apparatus.

18. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 3, further including the steps of: receiving ordering information at the order center by telephone; and entering the ordering information as input data to the order center apparatus in producing the signals representing the packing list.

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20. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of printing includes printing on a sheet in the printer device; and further including the step of locating a demarcation on a sheet in the printer device for detaching the packing list from a shipping label.

21. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of printing includes printing on a sheet in the printer device; and further including the step of locating a

perforation on the sheet for detaching a shipping label from the packing list at the perforation.

22. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:

receiving signals representing a customized component at the order center apparatus, from an ordering system including a computer, the customized component including a message from a user of the ordering system to a recipient of the product; and wherein:

the step of linking includes linking the signals representing the packing list with the signals representing the customized component;

the step of printing includes printing the customized component, along with the packing list and a shipping label, at the printing device at the distribution center; and

the step of shipping is carried out by shipping the customized component, along with the product, from the distribution center.

23. (Once Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of printing the customized component includes printing the message on a greeting card at the distribution center.

24. (Once Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of printing is carried out by locating a sheet in the printer, the sheet including a greeting card for the message and having preprinted artwork and a demarcation for detaching the greeting card from the packing list; and further including the step of separating the packing list from the greeting card by tearing the sheet at the demarcation.

25. (Once Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of printing the customized element includes printing a graphical element as part of the customized component.

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26. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of assigning the waybill shipping information signals includes dynamically assigning the shipping information signals through a TCP/IP connection.

27. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the step of:  
translating some of the signals, at the order center apparatus, to produce the signals representing the packing list and the shipping signals in one digital format.

28. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of printing is carried out by using a fax machine as the printing device; and further including the step of connecting the fax machine to a communications system for the receiving of the signals representing the packing list.

29. (Once Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the step of connecting includes connecting via an open end network gateway to a remote fax server and connecting the remote fax server to the fax machine.

30. (Once Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the step of connecting includes connecting to a remote fax server with a fax modem in a local calling area of the distribution center for a subsequent communication to the fax machine.

31. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:  
associating an order code with said order;  
obtaining shipping status information from the shipping apparatus; and

associating the order code with the status information at a machine-readable site having a network gateway address in facilitating access by a computer to determine shipping status associated with the order.

32. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of shipping includes shipping the product in packaging displaying a network gateway address to facilitate an electronic communication from an ordering system, including a computer, to the order center apparatus.

33. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of: connecting an ordering system, including a computer, to a network gateway; and connecting the network gateway to the order center apparatus.

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34. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of receiving ordering information at the order center by telephone; and entering the ordering information as input data to the order center apparatus in producing the signals representing the packing list.

35. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of: prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

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36. (Once Amended) The method of claim 35, further including the steps of:  
scanning a shipping label to obtain scanning data;  
transmitting the scanning data to trigger the step of sending a second electronic  
communication.

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38. (Twice Amended) A method for using an order center apparatus to  
ship a product, the method including the steps of:  
receiving an order from a web site at the order center apparatus located at an  
order center, the order center apparatus including a computer having a processor;  
controlling the processor with a computer program to the produce signals  
representing a packing list for the order;  
receiving a waybill tracking number receiving from a shipping system including a  
computer;  
associating signals representing the waybill tracking number with said signals  
representing the order;  
locating a printer device at a distribution center separate from the order center  
and separate from the shipping system;  
printing the packing list at the printer device from the signals representing the  
packing list; and  
locating the product identified by the packing list in packaging for courier  
shipment from the distribution center according to a waybill corresponding to the waybill  
tracking number.

39. (Twice Amended) A method for using an order center apparatus to ship a  
product, the method including the steps of:

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providing the order center apparatus at an order center, the order center apparatus including a computer having a processor controlled by a computer program in producing output signals representing a packing list for an order of the product;

producing waybill shipping information signals at a shipping system, including a computer;

linking the order center apparatus to a communications system, including the Internet, for transmitting the electrical signals representing the packing list;

linking the shipping system to a communications system, including the Internet, for transmitting the electrical signals representing the packing list;

locating a printer device linked to the communications system at a distribution center separate from the ordering center and separate from the shipping system;

receiving the packing list at the printer device;

receiving the signals representing the waybill shipping information signals at the printer device;

printing a waybill at the printer from the waybill shipping information signals;

printing a packing list from the signals representing the packing list; and

shipping the product specified by the packing list, according to the waybill, from the distribution center.

40.(Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein any one of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

40.(Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

41.(Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

42. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

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sl F4 > 43. (Once Amended) A method for using an order center apparatus to enable a user of an ordering system to ship a gift and a message to a recipient, the method including the steps of:

specifying the gift, and communicating the user-composed greeting message, for receipt by the recipient by connecting the ordering system, including a computer, to a web site;

connecting the web site to the order center apparatus located at an order center, the apparatus including a processor controlled by a computer program;

shipping the gift to the recipient; and

using the processor to communicate the user-composed greeting message to the recipient.

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44. (Once Amended) The method of claim 43, wherein the step of communicating the user-composed greeting message is carried out by using Blue Mountain-type greeting card and a graphical element.

45. (Once Amended) The method of claim 43, wherein the step of communicating the user-composed greeting message is carried out by using Blue Mountain-type greeting card and a customized component.

46. (Once Amended) The method of claim 43, wherein the step of communicating the user-composed greeting message to the recipient is carried out by using Blue Mountain-type greeting card.

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producing output electrical signals representing a list of necessary intermediates of a flower arrangement for a delivery customized and fulfilled just for a recipient by causing an order center apparatus located at an order center to change input digital electrical signals received from an Internet web page into the output digital electrical signals, the order center apparatus including a computer having a processor, the processor controlled by a computer program;

assigning waybill tracking information signals to the order;

linking, by digital communication, the signals representing the list with the shipping information signals;

communicating the signals representing the list to a printer device at a

distribution center located separately from the order center; and

making the delivery customized and fulfilled just for the recipient, by waybill shipment, from the distribution center.

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F5* 48. (Once Amended) The method of claim 43, further including the step of communicating an email confirmation of the order to an electronic address of the ordering system computer.

49.(Once Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

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cont* 50. (Once Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

51. (Once Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

52. (Once Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

53. (Once Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

54. (Once Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

55. (Once Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

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56. (Once Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

57. (Once Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

58. (Once Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

59. (Once Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

60. (Once Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

61. (Once Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

62. (Once Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

63. (Once Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

64. (Once Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

65. (Once Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

66. (Once Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

67. (Once Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

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68. (Once Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

69. (Once Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

70. (Once Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

71. (Once Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

72. (Once Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

73. (Once Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

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74. (Once Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.


75. (Once Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

76. (Once Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

77. (Once Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

78. (Once Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

79. (Once Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

 80. (Once Amended) The method of claim 33, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

81. (Once Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

82. (Once Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

83. (Once Amended) The method of claim 36, wherein any two of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

84. (Once Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

85. (Once Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

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86. (Once Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

87. (Once Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

88. (Once Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

89. (Once Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

90. (Once Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

91. (Once Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

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92. (Once Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

93. (Once Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

94. (Once Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

95. (Once Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

96. (Once Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

97. (Once Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

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98. (Once Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

99. (Once Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

100. (Once Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

101. (Once Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

102. (Once Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

103. (Once Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

104. (Once Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

105. (Once Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

106. (Once Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

107. (Once Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

108. (Once Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

109. (Once Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

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111. (Once Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

112. (Once Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

113. (Once Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

114. (Once Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

115. (Once Amended) The method of claim 33, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

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Cont 116. (Once Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

117. (Once Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

118. (Once Amended) The method of claim 36, wherein all of the steps of assigning shipping information signals, linking by digital communication, and receiving the signals representing the packing list is carried out by communicating over the Internet.

119. (Once Amended) A method for making a product for shipping by

using an order center apparatus, the method including the steps of:

producing signals representing a packing list for an order of the product with the order center apparatus, located at an order center, the order center apparatus including a computer having a programmed processor;

assigning waybill shipping information signals to the order with a shipping apparatus including a digital computer;

linking, by digital communication, the signals representing the packing list with the waybill shipping information signals;

receiving the signals representing the packing list at a printer device at a distribution center located separately from the order center;

printing the packing list at the printer device;

producing the product; and

shipping the product specified by the packing list, in accordance with the waybill shipping information signals, from the distribution center.

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A method for making a product for shipping by

using an order center apparatus, the method including the steps of:

receiving an order from a web site at the order center apparatus located at an order center, the order center apparatus including a computer having a processor;

controlling the processor with a computer program to produce signals representing a packing list for the order;

receiving a waybill tracking number from a shipping system including a computer;

associating signals representing the waybill tracking number with said signals representing the order;

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locating a printer device at a distribution center separate from the order center and separate from the shipping system;  
printing the packing list at the printer device from the signals representing the packing list;  
making the product; and  
locating the product identified by the packing list in packaging for courier shipment from the distribution center according to a waybill corresponding to the waybill tracking number.

121. (Once Amended) A method for making a product for shipping by using an order center apparatus, the method including the steps of:

providing the order center apparatus at an order center, the order center apparatus including a computer having a processor controlled by a computer program in producing output signals representing a packing list for an order of the product;

producing waybill shipping information signals at a shipping system, including a computer;

linking the order center apparatus to a communications system, including the Internet, for transmitting the electrical signals representing the packing list;

linking the shipping system to a communications system, including the Internet, for transmitting the electrical signals representing the packing list;

locating a printer device linked to the communications system at a distribution center separate from the ordering center and separate from the shipping system;

receiving the packing list at the printer device;

receiving the signals representing the waybill shipping information signals at the printer device;

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printing a waybill at the printer from the waybill shipping information signals;  
printing a packing list from the signals representing the packing list;  
producing the product; and  
shipping the product specified by the packing list, according to the waybill, from  
the distribution center.

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122. (Once Amended) A method for making a product for shipping by  
using an order center apparatus, the method including the steps of:

enabling a user of an ordering system to ship the product as a gift and  
communicate a message to a recipient by connecting the ordering system, including a  
computer, to a web site;

connecting the web site to the order center apparatus located at an order center,  
the apparatus including a processor controlled by a computer program;

making the product;

shipping the product as the gift to the recipient; and

using the processor to communicate the user-composed greeting message to  
the recipient.

123. (Once Amended) A method for making a product for shipping by  
using an order center apparatus to implement a delivery customized and fulfilled just for a  
recipient, the method including the steps of:

producing output electrical signals representing a list of necessary intermediates  
of a flower arrangement as the product for a delivery customized and fulfilled just for a recipient  
by causing an order center apparatus located at an order center to change input digital  
electrical signals received from an Internet web page into the output digital electrical signals,

the order center apparatus including a computer having a processor, the processor controlled by a computer program;

assigning waybill tracking information signals to the order;

linking, by digital communication, the signals representing the list with the shipping information signals;

communicating the signals representing the list to a printer device at a distribution center located remotely from the order center;

making the product; and

making the delivery customized and fulfilled just for the recipient, as specified by the list, in accordance with the waybill tracking information signals, from the distribution center.

124. (Once Amended) The method of claim 38, further including the steps

of:

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

125. (Once Amended) The method of claim 39, further including the steps

of:

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

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subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

126. (Once Amended) The method of claim 43, further including the steps of:

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

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prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

128. (Once Amended) The method of claim 119, further including the steps of:

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

129. (Once Amended) The method of claim 120, further including the steps of:

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

130. (Once Amended) The method of claim 121, further including the steps of:

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

131. (Once Amended) The method of claim 122, further including the steps of:

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

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subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

132. (Once Amended) The method of claim 123, further including the steps of:

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

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Cont of: 133. (Once Amended) The method of claim 2, further including the steps

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

134. (Once Amended) The method of claim 3, further including the steps of:

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

135. (Once Amended)      The method of claim 4, further including the steps of:

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

136. (Once Amended)      The method of claim 7, further including the steps

of:  
prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

137. (Once Amended)      The method of claim 15, further including the steps of:

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

138. (Once Amended) The method of claim 22, further including the steps of:

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

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cont of: 139. (Once Amended) The method of claim 27, further including the steps

prior to carrying out the step of shipping the product, verifying availability on a charge card to pay for the product with an electrical communication from the order center apparatus to a charge card system, including a computer; and

subsequent to carrying out the step of shipping the product, sending a second electronic communication to the charge card system to obtain payment for the product.

140. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:

providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and

entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

141. (Once Amended)The method of claim 2, further including the steps of:  
providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to  
receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and  
entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

142. (Once Amended)The method of claim 3, further including the steps of:  
providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to  
receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and  
entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

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143. (Once Amended)The method of claim 4, further including the steps of:  
providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to  
receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and  
entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

144. (Once Amended)The method of claim 7, further including the steps of:  
providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to  
receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and  
entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

145. (Once Amended)The method of claim 15, further including the steps of:  
providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to  
receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and  
entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

146. (Once Amended)The method of claim 27, further including the steps of:  
providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to  
receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and  
entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

147. (Once Amended)The method of claim 38, further including the steps of:  
providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to  
receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and  
entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

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148. (Once Amended)The method of claim 39, further including the steps of:  
providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to  
receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and  
entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

149. (Once Amended)The method of claim 47, further including the steps of:  
providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to  
receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and  
entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

150. (Once Amended)The method of claim 119, further including the steps of:  
providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to  
receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and  
entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

151. (Once Amended) The method of claim 120, further including the steps of:  
providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to  
receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and  
entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

152. (Once Amended) The method of claim 121, further including the steps of:  
providing a telephone for receiving ordering information as an alternative to  
receiving the ordering information over the Internet; and  
entering the ordering information into the order center apparatus.

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153. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the step of  
communicating an email confirmation of the order

269. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the step of  
providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet .

270. (Once Amended) The method of claim 2, further including the step of  
providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

271. (Once Amended) The method of claim 3, further including the step of  
providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

272. (Once Amended) The method of claim 4, further including the step of  
providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

273. (Once Amended) The method of claim 5, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

274. (Once Amended) The method of claim 6, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

275. (Once Amended) The method of claim 7, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

276. (Once Amended) The method of claim 8, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

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277. (Once Amended) The method of claim 9, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

278. (Once Amended) The method of claim 10, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

279. (Once Amended) The method of claim 11, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

280. (Once Amended) The method of claim 12, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

281. (Once Amended) The method of claim 13, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

282. (Once Amended) The method of claim 14, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

283. (Once Amended) The method of claim 15, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

284. (Once Amended) The method of claim 16, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

285. (Once Amended) The method of claim 17, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

286. (Once Amended) The method of claim 18, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

287. (Once Amended) The method of claim 19, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

288. (Once Amended) The method of claim 20, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

289. (Once Amended) The method of claim 21, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

290. (Once Amended) The method of claim 22, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

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291. (Once Amended) The method of claim 23, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

292. (Once Amended) The method of claim 24, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

293. (Once Amended) The method of claim 25, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

294. (Once Amended) The method of claim 26, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

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295. (Once Amended) The method of claim 27, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

296. (Once Amended) The method of claim 28, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

297. (Once Amended) The method of claim 29, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

298. (Once Amended) The method of claim 30, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

299. (Once Amended) The method of claim 31, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

300. (Once Amended) The method of claim 32, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

301. (Once Amended) The method of claim 33, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

302. (Once Amended) The method of claim 34, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

303. (Once Amended) The method of claim 35, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

304. (Once Amended) The method of claim 36, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

305. (Once Amended) The method of claim 37, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

306. (Once Amended) The method of claim 38, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

307. (Once Amended) The method of claim 39, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

308. (Once Amended) The method of claim 40, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

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309. (Once Amended) The method of claim 41, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

310. (Once Amended) The method of claim 42, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

311. (Once Amended) The method of claim 43, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

312. (Once Amended) The method of claim 44, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

313. (Once Amended) The method of claim 45, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

314. (Once Amended) The method of claim 46, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

315. (Once Amended) The method of claim 47, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

316. (Once Amended) The method of claim 48, further including the step of providing order tracking and delivery information over the Internet.

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